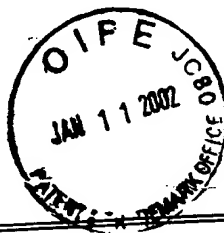


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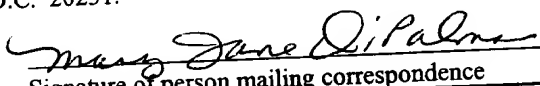
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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed June 28, 2001, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 15-17 as follows:

- 01 1. (Twice amended) A method of diagnosing a mammal for an increased likelihood of having a developmental defect or developing a disease of the eye, said